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Femininity

Femininity is regarded by Aristasians as primarily a Cosmic quality. Miss Alice Lucy Trent writes in *The Feminine Universe*:

"Femininity has always been recognised as one of the fundamental Essences or Archetypes of the human world. And not only of the human world; for throughout most of our history - throughout all but the tiniest part of it - it has been recognised that what is true of humanity is also true of the cosmos.

"The sun and moon existed long before the ball of gas and the ball of rock came into being that incarnate them outwardly for us. Numbers were before there were things to be numbered. And femininity existed long before any female creature came into existence.

"For in each of these cases, we are speaking of primal Realities. Principles that cannot not be. Realities that may be manifested in different ways upon different levels of being, but which are not dependent on this or that manifestation for their actuality."

Aristasians do not see femininity as being *fundamentally* the converse of masculinity. Biologically, the human body is female from conception: only exposure to male hormones can make it male. Similarly, Aristasians would regard femininity as *primary* and *natural*, with masculinity being simply a possibility that may or may not come into manifestation under certain specific circumstances.

As has been pointed out, the term "the Eternal Feminine" is well known and strikes a deep resonance in the human heart. No one has postulated an "Eternal Masculine" with the same sort of spiritual depth. Aristasians would explain that this is because masculinity is *not* eternal.

It will be argued that the term "feminine" makes no sense except in juxtaposition to the term "masculine"; and Aristasians would fully agree. There is no word for "feminine" in Aristasia Pura precisely because there is nothing to contrast it to. For a Pure Aristasian, femininity is simply the nature of things, the mother-heart of the universe. It needs

no name; it simply *is*.

Masculinity, in contrast, can only exist in contradistinction to femininity, because femininity is primal and masculinity is one possible deviation or departure from Primal Reality that may or may not develop depending upon local conditions.

While some peoples are schizomorphic, having two sexes expressing, in one case, the primary feminine nature of being and, in the other, a certain kind of deviation from that nature; other peoples are intemorphic having two sexes that, while manifesting different characteristics, both remain closely bound to the primary nature of being.

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